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Re: Docket Numbers: 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197

Dear Sir or Madam:

- FDA must do more than put Bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures.
- FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting because forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems.
- FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting, that injure human health.
- FDA must ban the forced molting of laying hens because forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs.
- FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay.

Sincerely,



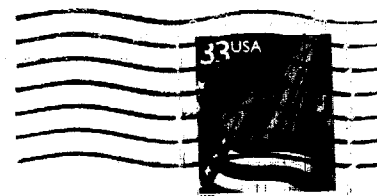
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